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Key West Bureau, FBIS

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Dear []

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After reading all of your material on and from [] we agree she sounds like an excellent prospect indeed, as does the idea of a small remoting operation in Haiti. We also agreed that you should drop the idea of the Miami policeman after his disappointing test results.

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Now for some information: [] SB/HED, has compiled a package (enclosed) for you on the various PC/Modem systems available for Maria to use to get her translated product to you. The IBM-PC System mentioned in the first graph is the fanciest (and most expensive) system and one that would be compatible with Modem equipment you have on hand. The potential drawbacks to this would be maintenance available in Port-au-Prince, training for Maria and, possibly, more capability than we really need. A cheaper option which may merit further research is the Radio Shack 100, for which maintenance and training would be available. These cost about \$400 to \$600 for an entire system with built-in Modems. If you have any further questions on these options, I would suggest that you either get in touch with a local IBM or Radio Shack dealer or contact [] Let us know your recommendation once you have reached a decision and funding plans for the system.

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On Maria's status, we feel strongly that, for security reasons, we should attempt to come to some kind of arrangement with the Embassy or USIS. Perhaps they could hire her to meet their own needs for translators and we could reimburse State for time Maria would spend on FBIS work. This would be something along the lines of Panama's arrangements for its remote operations in Central America. We have also enclosed a package of various contract options available should the USIS idea not work out. You should study it and, taking into consideration the number of hours Maria would be working and the type of work she will be doing, select the most cost-effective option and make a recommendation. This, of course, would be done after talks back here with the appropriate State and Agency desks and your TDY to Haiti and talks with USIS, State and other officers in the embassy. Whether we end up with a situation where Maria will work in the Embassy or out of her home, it will, of course, have to be carefully coordinated with the Embassy. If we do have to go with a contract, Admin recommends some type of IC status with access limited to unclassified given Maria's marriage to a foreign national and the time involved in processing any other type of contract.

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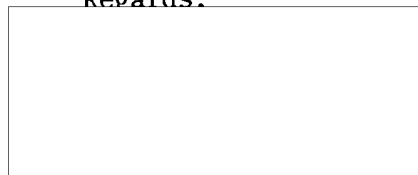
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We plan to get in contact with the appropriate Haiti desks back here to discuss this idea. In the interim, we would appreciate if you could mull over some of your options listed above and provide any additional input you think we should have before approaching State and others on this idea. If we run into no serious obstacles in our initial contacts, we will have Admin start work on a TDY to Haiti for you. Let us know when would be convenient.

One other thing you should be thinking of as we pursue this project: How much is it going to cost? As you get more information and as we reach decisions on Maria's status, equipment, etc., you should be compiling cost estimates, including estimates of how many of these expenses you can absorb with your current operating funds and what must fall into the unfunded category.

Have a happy mull. Good work to date on pursuing this option.

Regards.



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for

Executive Officer/Ops Group

Enclosures

cc: C/Software Branch/HED
Special Assistant/DRD
C/PB

*P.S. Molly's out searching for a turkey
for Thursday. Received today your HIFC -6028
and accompanying cruising letter from Maria.
Very impressive lady! Let's do what we
can to employ her. Keep in touch. My
regards to Lillian.*

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